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MARIN TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE SOLUTIONS (T-PLUS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2005

4:00 P.M.

DPW Room 304 Conference Room
MARIN CIVIC CENTER
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Attending:

Larry Chu
Elizabeth Eells
Phil Erickson
Harvey Katz
Thomas Kronemeyer
Carey Lando
Steve Stein
Craig Thomas Yates

Public:

David Schonbrunn

1. Introductions

The meeting started at 4:15 p.m. Introductions around the table were made.

2. October 7, 2004 Minutes and December 2, 2004 Minutes

Valerie Taylor and Elizabeth Eells noted that they attended the December 2, 2004 meeting and the minutes needed to be revised accordingly. The October 7th and December 2nd minutes were approved with this revision.

3. Draft TOD/PeD Toolkit Outreach Plan and Toolkit Content

Larry: Engage City Managers and Planning Departments before publishing the Toolkit. Check for consistency with local ordinances. Validation from City Managers and Planning Directors would help acceptance of the Toolkit.

Elizabeth: Need to get Planning Departments to give priority to toolkit review in their work program.

Chu: Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed changes would usurp the land use authorities of the local jurisdictions. Keep the "best practices" tone of the document, rather than language that seems to overrule local policies.

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Goal of the document is to help local jurisdictions overcome the barriers that they are experiencing during the implementation of more TOD supportive development or the adoption of TOD related policies.

Elizabeth indicates that she has a couple comments that she will forward directly to Phil/Thomas. The biggest barrier to TOD development in Marin is people's subjective feelings against it. Yates said Greenbelt Alliance gave a presentation that graphically showed some renderings of TOD. TALC has a few videos and presentations on their website.

Chu asked if Marin's transportation structure is a result of the physical development (Hwy 101). Causes for traffic backup sometimes are as far away as 1.5 miles from a proposed development. Chu wondered whether there is something else that is closer to Marin's characteristics that could be modeled? Erickson said that the Consultants would need to look into some recent studies that may or may not be similar to Marin.

Eells asked if using the effects of greenhouse gases as an angle to create more support for higher density developments could be helpful.

The Committee briefly discussed the effect of higher densities on the level of public transit service. Katz provided a brief background on the history of the bus transit system in Marin.

Schonbrunn introduced himself and provided a summary of TRANSDEF's RTP EIR Alternative.

Erickson summarized the Draft Toolkit Table of Contents, adding some issues that were brought up during discussions in this meeting.

Katz suggests shorter rather than longer tool descriptions, keeping each to about 2 pages. Chu concurs. Chu comments that when looking at the types of information contained in the Toolkit Outline, it starts looking like a Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan. Most local jurisdictions already have these types of plans/documents. Eells indicated liking the structure of the Toolkit Outline because it really spells things out easily. Erickson summarized the sample section (on Parking) provided previously at the December meeting, and highlighted its format, which lists issues and applicable tools with the actual tools provided in an appendix. Each tool would address the most important and salient points, and then provide reference(s) to comprehensive best practices literature. The committee agreed that the attachment of the tools as an appendix is a positive idea, and that the issue should be clearly differentiated from the tool by formatting.

Schonbrunn recommended that Parking Cash-Out alternatives be used as a tool and have implementation measures outlined in the Toolkit.

Eells asked that some of the local groups send letters to their local decision-makers to encourage attention to the TOD/PeD Toolkit.

4.

TPLUS Schedule and Work Plan

Lando summarized the TPLUS Work Program generated by staff and approved by the TAM Board the week prior.

Erickson noted that the TAM Board recommended that additional efforts be directed toward parking and CD+A's initial modal mapping of opportunity sites.

Katz asked where the money for a local grant program for TOD planning would come from. Erickson responded that this could come out of the continuation of the management funding from MTC after the initial 3 years of TPLUS.

5. Next Meeting Date, Location and Time

The next TPLUS AC meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 3, 2005, 4:00 p.m. in the DPW Conference Room.